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- Initial briefing with CSB to share contact info, discuss info sharing and provided enforcement/pesticide contacts
- DuPont thought the building would be clear for final inspection, and personnel in Level A took most of the morning and after lunch to ensure readings were below 0.5ppm. At the time of entry for inspection, the highest reading in the building was 0.4ppm.
- Initial entry team (EPA, CSB, DuPont...CSB later backed out) was given a safety briefing and 2.5 ppm was set as the level to exit as precaution.
Methyl Mercaptan: TWA 0.5ppm and OSHA 10ppm
- The Team made entry at 1632 and stayed for an hour. Lannate building has 5 floors.
- All non detects except;
 - North stair well to first floor. Location of MeSNA cooler (methyl mercaptan entry line) Door was closed and upon entry readings were 1.7 ppm and 2.3 ppm (we had 2 separate air monitoring meters). Exited building.
 - Storage tank of methyl mercaptan located near rail line. Valve was missing bull plug and needs to be repaired. Reading of 3.8 and high alarm (5ppm).
- Due to elevated readings, DuPont and EPA came up with another plan to try and reduce the levels in the two areas identified. The plan will be executed tomorrow with re-entry for final inspection if issues resolved.
- **ISSUE:** Ensure repairs can be made and investigators won't have any issues. Have to clear building for entry before investigators can enter.
DuPont was suppose to talk with CSB but we will have discussions tomorrow if not resolved.
- TCEQ was onsite with us and briefed them throughout the day
- Spoke with Gary Porter/CID – checking with Ivan to see if warrant is really required since RP has allowed access to facility



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